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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NAM SUMMIT: KOREAN RESOLUTION

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1. SUMMARY: KOREAN TRADE REP AND BRITISH CHARGE HAVE DEBRIEFED
MEMBER OF GOK DEL TO COLOMBO SUMMIT. LATTER DENIES KUWAIT SERVED
ON KOREAN RES DRAFTING COMMITTEE, STATES GOK WAS SURPRISED AND
SOMEWHAT IRRITATED TO LEARN KOREAN RES HAD PASSED BY CONSENSUS
WHEN GOK DEL HAD NEVER SEEN TEXT. GOK REPORTEDLY WILL NOT FILE
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STATEMENT OF RESERVATIONS FROM RESOLUTION BUT WILL "MAKE ITS POSI-

TION CLEAR" IN COURSE OF UNGA. KUWAITI DELEGATION MEMBER EMPHASIZED THAT GOK DIPLOMACY AT COLOMBO HAD BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF SAUDI DIPLOMACY, WHICH LEADS KOREAN TRADE REP TO HOPEFUL CONCLUSION THAT SAUDIS THIS YEAR CAN BE PERSUADED USE WHAT MAY BE INCREASED INFLUENCE WITH GULF STATES TO AFFECT THEIR HANDLING OF KOREAN ISSUE. END SUMMARY

2. SOUTH KOREAN TRADE REPRESENTATIVE IN KUWAIT CALLED ON DCM AUGUST 26 BRINGING TEXT OF "DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY DPRK" AT COLOMBO. TEXT IS IDENTICAL WITH THAT REPORTED BY EMBASSY COLOMZXH*

&.3165. KOREAN TRADE REP HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS, ALSO SENT TO ROK REPS IN JAMAICA, TUNISIA, BANGLADESH, AFGHANISTAN, BAHRAIN AND NEPAL, TO PERSUADE HOST GOVERNMENTS TO FILE WRITTEN RESERVATIONS ON THIS RESOLUTION, EITHER WITH GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA OR WITH SRI LANKA DELEGATION AT UN (AS NACC SECRETARIAT.)

3. TRADE REP REPORTED HE HAD SPOKEN WITH SHAIKH MUBARRAK AL JABER, MEMBER OF GOK DEL IN COLOMBO AND NEPHEW OF FONMIN, WHO TOLD HIM "EVEN HANDED" REFERENCE TO KOREAN PROBLEM WAS DROPPED FROM DRAFT OF FONMIN'S SPEECH, DURING PROCESS OF SHORHUNING REMARKS GENERALLY. MUBARRAK TOLD TRADE REP THAT GOK UN PERMREP BISHARA HAD INFLUENCED DECISION TO DELETE REMARKS ON KOREA, SAYING THAT SINCE THE GREAT POWERS CONCERNED WITH KOREA WERE NOT PRESENT IN COLOMBO, THERE WAS NO NEED TO REFER TO SUBJECT. GREAT POWERS WOULD BE PRESENT IN UNGA, WHICH WOULD BE DIFFERENT SITUATION.

4. THREE TIMES DURING CONVERSATION WITH TRADE REP MUBARRAK HAD EMPHASIZED THAT KUWAITI STANCE AT COLOMBO HAD BEEN ONE OF "SUPPORTING" SAUDI DIPLOMACY, IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER GULF STATES. THIS SUGGESTED TO KOREAN TRADE REP, IN VIEW OF REPORTED "RESERVATIONS" STATED OR FILED BY SAUDI DELEGATION IN COLOMBO, THAT KUWAIT MIGHT BE AMENABLE TO SAUDI URGING NOW THAT GOK FILE SIMILAR STATEMENT OF RESERVATIONS IN COLOMBO OR NEW YORK. TRADE REP SPECULATED THAT SHAIKH MUBARRAK'S REMARKS MAY HAVE BEEN MORE FRANK EXPOSITION THAN ONE WOULD USUALLY HEAR FROM KUWAITI DIPLOMATS, AND MAY REFLECT GROWING, TACIT ACCEPTANCE BY KUWAIT AND GULF STATES OF SAUDI LEADERSHIP ROLE IN DIPLOMACY
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GENERALLY.

5. BRITISH CHARGE REPORTS HE ALSO SPOKE WITH SHAIKH MUBARRAK. LATTER STATED DEFINITELY THAT KUWAIT HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN DRAFTING COMMITTEE RE KOREAN QUESTION, AND THAT DELEGATION HAD DEPARTED BEFORE RESOLUTION RAISED. HE INDICATED GOK IRRITATED BY MANEUVER TENDING TO ASSOCIATE GOK WITH DPRK-SPONSORED RESOLUTION WITH WHICH GOK DOES NOT AGREE. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE

TO QUESTION, MUBARRAK STATED GOK WILL NOT FILE WRITTEN RESERVATION CONCERNING RESOLUTION BUT WILL, HE SAID, MAKE ITS POSITION CLEAR AT UNGA.

6. TRADE REP'S INSTRUCTIONS FROM SEOUL INCLUDED ALSO URGING THAT ROK REPS WORK TO OBTAIN UNDERTAKING THAT GOVERNMENTS WOULD NOT RPT NOT AGREE, AT UNGA, TO REMOVING "FRIENDLY RESOLUTION" FROM CONSIDERATION. HE SAID THAT "HOSTILE RESOLUTION" WAS TABLED EARLIER THIS MONTH, AND BEFORE "FRIENDLY RESOLUTION," SO THAT "HOSTILE" IS ASSURED OF PRIORITY IN VOTING. WITH THE "HOSTILE RESOLUTION" PRESUMABLY GOING TO PASS, IT IS PREDICTABLE THAT "HOSTILE" SPONSORS WILL THEN ATTEMPT OBTAIN REMOVAL OF "FRIENDLY RESOLUTION" FROM AGENDA, TI MANEUVER WHICH SEOUL NOW WANTS ROK REPS TO WORK AGAINST.

7. IN RESPONSE TO TRADE REP'S SUGGESTION THAT EMBASSY REINFORCE WITH MFA HIS REQUEST THAT GOK FILE WRITTEN RESERVATION, DCM SAID THAT HE WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS. DCM SAID HE SUS-

PECTED DEPT IS COLLATING REPORTS ON COLOMBO AND ITS AFTERMATH AND WOULD BE GETTING UP COORDINATED INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW BEST TO PROCEED RE KOREAN QUESTION AND OTHER NAM ISSUES.

8. COMMENT: WE NOTE WITH INTEREST MUBARRAK STATEMENT THAT KUWAITIS HAD SUPPORTED SAUDI DIPLOMACY AT COLOMBO. IN LIGHT OF THIS REMARK AND OF KUWAITI IRRITATION OVER DPRK TACTICS, INFLUENCE SAUDIS MAY BE ABLE TO EXERT IN SUPPORT OF DEPT AND USUN EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE KUWAIT OPPOSITION TO "HOSTILE" KOREAN RESOLUTION AND SUPPORT FOR OR AT LEAST ABSTENTION ON "FRIENDLY" RESOLUTION AT UNGA SHOULD BE EXPLORED. EMBASSY DOES NOT SEE UTILITY OF PRESSING FOREIGN MINISTRY FURTHER HERE RE RESERVATION ON DPRK COLOMBO RESOLUTION, BUT WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE ANOTHER APPROACH AT APPROPRIATE
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TIME UPON INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK TO OBTAIN KUWAITI SUPPORT OF "FRIENDLY" RESOLUTION AT UNGA.
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